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U.S. Fulbright Program Awarded 2014 Prince of Asturias Prize for International Cooperation

The United States is thrilled to accept the Prince of Asturias Award for International Cooperation to the U.S. Department of State's Fulbright Program. James Costos, U.S. Ambassador to Spain and Andorra and Ramon Gil-Casares, Spanish Ambassador to the U.S., co-nominated the Fulbright Program for the award for its role as an international instrument to promote academic excellence in all fields through the exchange of ideas and intercultural experiences and its vital role in facilitating mutual understanding among nations as the foundation for fostering world peace.

"I warmly welcome the announcement that the Fulbright program has been granted the 2014 Prince of Asturias Award for International Cooperation," said Tom Healy, Chairman of the Fulbright Scholarship Board. "On behalf of Fulbright grantees, Fulbright alumni, Fulbright Commissions and others worldwide who are connected to the Fulbright program, I am delighted and honored to accept this prestigious award."

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international exchange program sponsored by the U.S. Government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries. Since 1946, Fulbright has provided approximately 325,000 participants from more than 155 countries - chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential - with the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns.

The majority of the funding is provided by the U.S. Congress. Partner governments, corporations, foundations and academic institutions also provide direct and indirect support.

Fulbright alumni serve in leadership positions in government, academia, business, the arts, science, media and other professional fields. Fulbright alumni are the recipients of 44 Nobel Prizes, 86 Pulitzer Prizes, 28 MacArthur Foundation Awards, and 16 U.S. Presidential Medals of Freedom. Five Spanish alumni have been recipients of a Prince of Asturias prize.



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